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Culebra-

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En el pasado numero de "Basta Ya" publicamos un mapa en el cual mostramos las veces que Estados Unidos ha invadido, con sus tropas, Latinoamerica. Nuestro mayor interes es darle a la Raza una idea del imperialismo yanqui y como opera en nuestros paises; como usa sus tropas y la Agencia Central de Inteligencia (C.I.A.) para intervenir en los asuntos de Latinoamerica.

El imperialismo opera economicamente y militarmente. Economicamente, apoderandose de las materias primas y controlando la industria (Controlando la economia y la vida publica del pais). Militar-

mente, interviniendo con sus tropas con el pretexto de ir a proteger sus intereses y propiedades en esos paises, como lo estan haciendo en Viet Nam, Puerto Rico, Latinoamerica y Africa.

Ahora publicamos en este numero, un articulo de nuestro hermano pais de Puerto Rico con el proposito de darle a la Raza una idea mas detallada de como trabaja el imperialismo. Dominando primeramente Puerto Rico y su isla Culebra; sus efectos sobre nuestra gente y como implanta sus bases militares para proteger sus intereses.

DE PRENSA LATINA

La pequena isla Culebra, o mejor dicho, sus 900 habitantes, sostienen una disputa abierta con la marina de Estados Unidos quien esta tratando de quitarles mas terreno del que actualmente ocupan para sus instalaciones militares.

Culebra, situada al Este de la isla de Puerto Rico y al Norte de Vieques, otra isla ocupada por los militares del Pentagono, sufre la consecuencia de ser parte de Puerto Rico y por consiguiente colonia de Estados Unidos.

Los 900 residentes, el alcalde de la isla Feliciano Ramon, la Asociacion de Trabajadores Sociales Portorriquenos, el comite Pro Rescate de Culebra, la revista semanal "Claridad" y todos los Portorriquenos que luchan por la independencia de su pais, protegen tan contra los planes de la marina estadounidense de apoderarse de la isla.

CULEBRA, LA LLAVE DEL ATLANTICO. El interes en esta pequena isla se manifesto en una carta del comandante de marina, Alfred R. Matters, enviada a Edward M. Borngos, presidente de la "Corporacion de empresas de Culebra". El primero dijo: "Culebra es la llave de la flota de armas del Atlantico incluyendo la base naval en la isla de Vieques y miles de millas cubicas del oceano".

El comandante Matters por consiguiente declaro que toda la costa de la isla pertenecia a Estados Unidos y de acuerdo con un

reglamento de 1953--Dada seguramente por la oficina central de Estados Unidos-- el espacio aereo y la mar alrededor de la isla, son estrictamente para el uso exclusivo de las fuerzas armadas.

Para poder llevar a cabo las operaciones militares en Culebra (Bombardeo de la costa y analisis del resultado del lanzamiento de cohetes) es logico que los residentes de la isla son un estorbo para los yanquis y es por eso que oficiales de la marina han declarado "Es necesario erradicar la poblacion de culebra".

La marina practica bombardeos que ponen en peligro la vida de Portorriquenos en Culebra e impone sobre ellos deporables condiciones de vida disminuyendo sus medios de ingresos. La agricultura ha desaparecido por completo; la pesca es casi extinta y no les permiten fomentar el turismo.

Matters dijo en su carta: "Las operaciones han aumentado intensivamente y se ejercitan a veces toda la semana. Al aumentar esas actividades, aquellos que viven en la zona cercana seran victimas de los estallidos supersonicos, lanzamientos de cohetes e intenso trafico aereo. POR QUE HAY BASES YANKIS EN PUERTO RICO?"

A la par con la zona del canal de Panama, Puerto Rico es la principal zona estrategica-militar en latinoamerica porque es aqui donde se ha instalado la unica base nuclear del "Comando Aereo

Estrategico" del continente. Ademas posee una base de entrenamiento naval y tambien sirve para llevar a cabo planes de trabajo para la Agencia Central de Inteligencia (C.I.A.) en latinoamerica.

Del 8 al 10 por ciento de todo el territorio y del 12 al 14 por ciento de la tierra fertil para la agricultura, son ocupados por bases militares de Estados Unidos.

Puerto Rico es un gran complejo naval incluyendo las bases establecidas en Vieques y Culebra, Ceiba, la estacion naval de San Juan, diez o veinte pequenas islas y una instalacion en las Islas Virgenes.

BOMBAS SOBRE VIEQUES.

La isla de Vieques muestra una figura semejante a la de Culebra. La marina ha expropiado el 78% del territorio para el uso de sus bases y los 7,000 Portorriquenos que residen ahi estan rodeados de bases militares. La seccion Oriental de la isla se usa como campo de entrenamiento para infantes de marina los que periodicamente lanzan invasiones; y la seccion del Oeste se ocupa para embodegar municiones. Tambien existe la posibilidad de que en sus bodegas guarden bombas atomicas para la base aerea Ramey.

Los B-52 equipados con cohetes atomicos, se encuentran en Ramey, territorio Portorriqueno. Su situacion geografica la convierten en

una base ideal de ataque contra latinoamerica con cohetes y bombardeo nuclear.

Los yanquis tienen tres puertos en Roosevelt Roads capaces de abrigar docenas de navios. El mismo territorio puede dar techo a batallones de bombarderos y aeroplanos.

INVASION DE LATINOAMERICA.

Estas bases militares yanquis son las que suplieron con los cargamentos para la invasion de la Republica Dominicana y se estaban alistando contra Cuba en 1962 cuando ocurrio la crisis.

Por lo tanto, es visible la potente amenaza que representa para cualquier pais latinoamericano que se niegue a conformarse con los intereses politicos de Washington. Ademas, estas bases se usan como campos de entrenamiento para aquellos que seran incorporados a las fuerzas antiguerrilleras contra la lucha popular de los paises de latinoamerica. No olvidemos que en Febrero de 1967 la revista "Claridad" de claro que tropas antiguerrilleras boinas verdes ocuparon el bosque de Luquillo en el Yunque, ocupandolo como campo de entrenamiento.

Da a da los Estados Unidos tratan de transformar a Puerto Rico en un inmenso fuerte sin importar la seguridad del pueblo Portorriqueno o su obvia oposicion a estas acciones imperialistas.

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legal defense news

Raza beaten

"I was walking by 20th and Shotwell when two men that were walking on the same block jumped on me and started harrasinge, by putting their hands into my pockets, I struggled with them to turn loose, and asked them what was going on but they refused to tell me and to identify themselves. I had no other choice but to defend myself from the two men who were trying to harass me for doing nothing. I fought with them for awhile but ended up being beaten. After they hit me continuously they pushed me inside their car and took me to the police station, where they beat me up again. It wasn't until then when I realized that the two men were plainclothes pigs. I was then taken to jail where I spent six days caged in. When my family phoned to see if I was in jail they told my family that I was not there and that they didn't know where I was. After being six days in jail I came out on bail and now I have to go to court for something I didn't do."

This is Elson Rodriguez' testimony concerning his arrest. Another Latin American victim of the police discrimination and brutality.

Another proof of the inability of the society in which we live, which permits and perpetuates discrimination and racism

in this country. This is another example which tells us that we are living in a sick society that reflects the inhuman acts that Hitler used to eliminate millions of Jews. This is the discrimination and racism that our people have to confront when they are victims of the ignorance, prejudice and racism of the police who are only a puppet force manipulated by the far rich people who dominate this country.

Raza, this case is not an isolated case. It happens every day in our community which now is educating itself to the problems involved in their lives. La Raza legal defense (located at 3176 24th st between Shotwell and So. Van Ness) continues its struggle to defend our people and to bring up to the public in our barrio the critical problems that affect our daily lives.

Among other things, we want an immediate end to police brutality and harassment of La Raza people and Third World people in our communities. We believe that by forming groups that will patrol, investigate, inform and educate the people to their problems, so the people will be better able to form correct methods to put a stop to this oppression once and for all.

LIBERTAD O MUERTE!

BASTA YA AT COURT

Last November, Francisco Flores & Jaki Chatman were busted in front of U.S.E. for passing out BASTA YA. They were both charged with "obstructing" people on the sidewalk, and after Francisco was harrassed he was also charged with disturbing the peace. On Jan. 12, they went to court represented by Paul Harris and Stan Zaks of the Community Law Firm. Going on the offensive, the attorneys filed a motion to suppress the evidence and to return the BASTA YAs. During an hour-long hearing the police officer and U.S.E. security officer testified that no customers had complained to them, and that they had made the arrest on their own. Under cross-examination the Security Officer Maloney admitted that neither Francisco or Jaki ever grabbed anyone or blocked their way into the store. In fact he stated that people were freely able to walk around

Francisco and Jaki. The attorneys argued that there is a First Amendment protection of free speech and free press which guaranteed the right to pass out leaflets and newspapers. The Judge agreed and held that Francisco and Jaki had a right to pass out BASTA YA in front of U.S.E. and therefore there was no probable cause for their arrests. The District Attorney was furious and said she would appeal the case.

Francisco and Jaki already spent time in jail waiting to be bailed out and have had to go to court numerous times, all because they exercised their rights under the First Amendment. The lawyers at the Community Law Firm, say they are seriously thinking of suing U.S.E. for malicious prosecution, as well as taking this case all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary.